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Hamptonites Bid For Air Scholarships

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HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—Philip F. Lee of Ware Neck, Gloucester county, Va., and Roscoe D. Draper of Haverford, Pa., two Hampton Institute C.A.A. students who are now taking a refresher and teacher-training air course at Tuskegee, have applied for the valuable Air Youth of America scholarships recently announced by that organization, headed by Winthrop Rockefeller.

In recognition of the importance of youth in the development of the national aviation program, scholarships for training in aviation totaling in value \$4,000 will be awarded to three young men who are judged to show outstanding promise of achievement in this field.

If Lee and Draper win, they will have the choice of attending one of three famous aeronautical schools. One of the scholarships is at the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, Calif.; the second at the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark, N. J.; and the third at the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

COAST DAILIES WELCOME ADVENT OF NEGRO FLYERS

SEP 15 1941

LOS ANGELES, (ANP)— Displaying great interest in the steps being made by the Negro in aviation, articles similar to this one from the Daily News appeared in all the local dailies.

"Negro youths soon will be able to contribute to the manufacture of air planes, both for commercial and war purposes.

"The recently organized El Captain Aircraft Corp., headed by Thomas Allen, veteran Negro flyer, will undertake to train Negro youths in every practical phase of the aviation industry.

"This company will occupy quar-

ters at 1251 East Olympic boulevard."

Nearly 10 years ago, Allen and the late Herman Banning made the first transcontinental flight ever made by Negro pilots. After landing in Pittsburgh for repairs, they continued on to New York.

HAMPTON CO-ED SPROUTS WINGS WITH AMBITIOUS MEN FLYERS

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One young woman and nine men students were awarded flying scholarships for the 1941 spring session of civilian pilot training program at Hampton Institute last week. Those honored are pictured above. First row, left to right: W. Warren, Miss Mildred I. Curtis and Robert Alston. Rear row: Vernon Haywood, George E. Ball, John L. Jones, Oscar Hairston, Henry A. Holmes, Hollis Terrell and Edward Gibbs.

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

GENL. DICKERSON CITES AIM OF TUSKEGEE AIRPORT

FEB 9 - 1941 By DANIEL J. FAULKNER

Brigadier General Spencer C. Dickerson, former Commander of the "old 8th" Regiment of Illinois, and General Chairman of the Tuskegee institute Airport Fund Campaign, stated that the establishment of an army air pursuit squadron in the vicinity of Tuskegee institute does not solve the school's need for an airport. Speaking before a large group of enthusiastic airport campaign workers in the campaign headquarters, 4316 South Parkway, he pointed out that the training facilities of the army air unit definitely would not be available to the trainees in the Primary and Secondary courses in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at the school.

General Dickerson said, "The development of an airport on the campus will also enable the school to establish a permanent Department of Aeronautics and offer complete courses to the Negro youth of this nation; hence they would be in position to take their place in this new and rapidly growing industry. These courses would be available not only to those who are interested in civil and commercial aviation, but also to those who fail to measure up to the rigid physical requirements."

He continued, "Since the students completing the Primary training at West Virginia State, Howard university, A and T (Greensboro, N. C.), and Hampton institute are sent to Tuskegee for their Secondary or Advanced C. P. T., which is required of prospective army pilots; hence the success of the army air unit depends largely upon the number of young men to whom Tuskegee institute can give this necessary preliminary training."

General Dickerson, who is in constant touch with Tuskegee officials, also read a letter which he had just received from Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, Tuskegee institute, in which the president stated that the school is in desperate need of this airport now.

STUDENT FLYER WINS COVETED NAACP AWARD

FEB 23 1941

The award is known as the Webster Plaque, being the gift of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Webster, of Springfield, Illinois. It is a token of merit given to a local youth who has made some accomplishment in a particular field of endeavor.

Gray's efforts and accomplishments in aviation warranted his consideration. The award was presented at the Lincoln-Douglas Banquet of the Springfield NAACP.

Norman Gray came to Chicago over a year ago and enrolled in Cornelius R. Coffey School of Aeronautics as a CAA pilot. He received his private pilot's certificate last October and was immediately enrolled in the secondary phase of the Civilian Pilot Training Program.

In Line for Instructors Course

According to Willa Brown, coordinator of the CAA program, Gray is one of the best flyers of the group and upon completion of his present training will be recommended for an instructor training course.

Because of Gray's unusual ability as a pilot his instructor, Coffey, approved of his flying to Springfield for the occasion. Gray was accompanied by another CAA student, Simeon E. Brown, also holder of a CAA private certificate and recipient of a scholarship to train aerobatics. The two pilots winged their way to Springfield and back in a 50-horsepower Piper Cub.

New York Age
New York, N. Y.

Hampton Fliers Make A Record

MAR 15 1941

HAMPTON, Va. Hampton Institute student fliers have made the best showing of all groups taking the Civil Pilot Training courses under the C. A. A. program in the Newport News area. Charles W. Barclay, president of Aviation Service, Inc., of that city, has announced.

With an enrollment of 10 in the Hampton Institute flying class, 10 graduated—giving Hampton Institute a 100 percent record. A non-college class taking the C. A. A. program at the same field graduated 15 out of its 16 members, and third place went to William and Mary College with 16 graduating out of a class of 20.

Members of the championship flying class are: Milton B. Curry, 19, first-year Painting, of Kilmarnock, Va.; William H. Farley, 23, senior in the Division of Agriculture, Savannah, Ga.; John A. Gibson, 21, second-year Bricklaying, Chicago, Ill.; Gilbert F. Joseph, 22, junior in the Division of Business, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Joseph A. Ramos, 21, sophomore, Division of Business, Asbury, N. J.; Edward J. Reese, Jr., 20, freshman, Division of Business, Rahway, N. J.; William A. Streat, Jr., 20, senior, Department of Building Construction, Lawrenceville, Va.; Percy E. Sutton, 22, special student in the Division of Agriculture, San Antonio, Tex.; James A. Walker, 22, third-year Bricklaying, Manning, S. C., and Alexander Wilkerson, 21, third-year Carpentry, Petersburg, Va.

Each of the graduates has received a pilot's license.

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AERONAUTICS BODY PRAISES ACHIEVEMENTS

MAR 22 1941

Race Civilian Pilots Win Acclamation Of U. S. Administration

WASHINGTON (ANP) — According to the latest report of the Civil Aeronautics administration in the training of civilian pilots, Negro institutions which have participated in the program have done splendid work turning out a number of well trained men.

As of June 30, 1941, the reports show the following institutions and the number of students: Tuskegee institute, 25; N.C.A. and T. college, 35; Howard university, 20; Hampton institute, 55; Virginia State college, 20; West Virginia State college, 70; total flyers in training, 225.

While this is a small percentage of the total number of pilots trained and in training, it represents a basic effort to train Negro pilots all of whom have qualified, it is reported with excellent ratings.

The future program of the Civilian Pilot Training program calls for a total of 45,000 during the fiscal year of 1941. The percentage of Negroes in this number would seem to be limited by the facilities of the training centers where they are accepted.

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

West Virginia State College Gets New Contract For Aviation Program

INSTITUTE, W. Va. — West Virginia State college has just received its new contract from the Civil Aeronautics administration for the operation of a full aviation program.

The program will include 72 ground school hours and 36 hours of flight instruction. Subjects taught in ground school are Civil Air Regulations, Meteorology, Aerial Navigation and General Service of Aircraft. Flight instructions are given on certificated seaplanes.

Fred J. Lacy, acting director of trade and technical education at the college is coordinator of the CAA program. Joseph W. Grider instructs the ground school classes. Classes and flight training for the new program will begin October 1.

West Virginia State college was one of the first Negro colleges to be approved for flight training by the Civil Aeronautics administration. With the completion of its sixth CAA program on September 4, the college had trained 80 pilots.

Negro Flight Instructor Likes Local Hospitality

George W. Allen, chief flight instructor for the Civilian Pilots Training program at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., returned to flight to that point today after being forced to land at the Hickory Municipal airport Monday because of bad weather.

The negro pilot said he had been to Potstown, Pa., to have the instrument trainer plane he flew over hauled.

Soon after Allen, who has been flying for nine years, landed at the local airport, Al Jones, local flight instructor for the CPT, made him acquainted with Professor A. W. Booker, principal of Ridgeview Negro High school in Hickory.

Speaks At Colored School

Professor Booker invited the colored flier to the local negro school, where he made a talk on aviation before the entire student body, and then showed him various spots of interest in Hickory. In appreciation for the kindness shown him, Allen took Professor Booker aloft shortly before noon today for the local man's first airplane ride.

"It was the most wonderful experience I've ever had," Professor Booker, thirty-nine years old, told a Hickory Daily Record reporter soon after he landed.

"I did not realize," he added, "that Hickory was so beautiful a city from the air. Everyone should go up."

Professor Booker declared that he did not feel the peculiar sensation he had expected in taking off nor "the elevator-like sensation" in landing.

Allen permitted Professor Booker to put his hands on the control-wheel while they were aloft and the principal declared as a consequence he thought he would make at least a fair pilot.

"I intend to go up at every opportunity," he commented.

Has 36 Students

Allen said he has thirty-six students, most of them Southerners, in his Civilian Pilots Training courses—twenty in the primary group, ten in the advanced group, and six in the cross-country category.

Asked if he had any trouble securing students, Allen said that on the contrary the negro students were eager to learn to fly. One former student of the school—a youth from Texas—is now with the R.A.F. in Canada, he said.

Incidentally, the only all-negro pursuit squadron in the country is stationed at an Army field about eight miles from Tuskegee. It is known as the Ninety-Ninth Pursuit Squadron.

Allen, a native of Tyrone, Pa., became flight instructor at Tuskegee a year ago last Saturday. He said he was amazed at the geniality of Hickory's white citizens he met and described Mr. Jones as being one of the most courteous and friendliest white pilots he had met anywhere.

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African-American
Baltimore, Maryland

U. S. Air Official Promises Full Expansion in CAA

APR 5 - 1941

"Colored Civilian Pilot Training Units can be expanded as far as the race is capable of handling them," Robert H. Hinkley, assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of aeronautics, told Miss Willia Brown, the race's No. 1 aviatrix of Chicago, Ill., in an interview here Thursday.

Miss Brown, appointed by the Council of Negro Organizations, brought a delegation to the capital from Chicago, to protest discrimination in the armed forces, and to call on all department heads.

"My particular assignment by the conference was to ask that members of our race be completely integrated in the U.S. Air Corps," said Miss Brown.

Flight Instructor

Miss Brown is owner and supervisor of the Coffey School of Aeronautics at Chicago, Ill., and is Federal co-ordinator of two civilian pilot units, which have more than fifty CAA students.

Miss Brown hopes to have about thirty freshmen CAA students, thirty advanced, ten instructor trainees, a quota of ten students enrolled in a CAA cross-country course, and an instrument flying course.

Besides supervising her aviation school, she is employed by the board of education to co-ordinate aviation activities at the Wendell Phillips High School. She instructs two aviation mechanic classes and three classes for pilots trained at Harlem Air Port. Her classes are devoted to the ground work of aviation.

Has 500 Flying Hours

Miss Brown received her A.B. degree from Indiana State College; M.A. from Northwestern, an M.A. mechanic's certificate from the Aeronautics School of Chicago which she now heads.

She is secretary of the National Airmen of America, an association of about two hundred and fifty pilots; has been flying since 1933 and has 500 hours of flying to her credit. She holds a commercial pilot's certificate and has ten planes at her training school.

New York Age

New York, N. Y.

THE NEGRO AS AN AVIATOR

APR 19 1941

ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL government has been slow to realize that Negroes make good pilots, private individuals and organizations are gradually waking up to this fact. In a recent editorial The Chicago Tribune argued that the principal requirements of an aviator are those of a good athlete—alertness and perfect coordination of muscles and intellect—and that since Negroes make good athletes they should make good aviators.

Similar tributes have come from others but up to a year ago, Negroes were given little opportunity for training in this field of transportation. But with the establishment of the Civil Aeronautic Authority, civilian pilot training courses were established in seven Negro colleges. These courses have attracted widespread attention.

Last week no less a personage than Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, showed her confidence in the Negro as an aviator by requesting a flight over Tuskegee Institute with Chief Pilot Charles A. Anderson of the CAA flying school at Tuskegee.

APR 19 1941

It's too bad that the heads of the Army and Navy Air Corps haven't the same confidence in the Negro flyer as Mrs. Roosevelt, for out of a total of 30,000 men per year being trained as aviators by the Army and Navy, provision has been made for only 33 Negro pilots, who will form a pursuit squadron when they have completed their course of training.

Pittsburgh Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

NASH RE-RATED AS

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

APR 26 1941

CHICAGO, April 24 (ANP) — Grover C. Nash, Chicago, who was the first Negro to fly the U. S. mail, received his re-rated primary instructor's rating this week from Rescoe Turner's flying school in Indianapolis, where he was the only Negro attending. Nash became the 10th Negro instructor to be re-rated. The CAA requires all instructors be re-rated as it gives a standard and simplified method of instructing.

Aberdeen, Miss. Examiner

April 24, 1941

FAMOUS NEGRO PILOT IS HERE

Aberdeen Airport had a distinguished visitor the other day, the most famous negro aviator in the world. He is Col. John G. Robinson, "the Brown Condor of Ethiopia." He was at one time in charge of aviation for Emperor Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia. We understand that he will be in charge of the actual work of training negro aviators at Tuskegee. Col. Brown's plane at the Aberdeen airport still had the Lions and deer insignia of Ethiopia, emblematic of "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah", one of Selassie's titles. Col. Brown's calling card bears the notation, "Ex-member of his majesty's Ethiopian air force. Former Instructor at the Aeronautical University in Chicago." He was accompanied to Aberdeen by C. Alfred Anderson, Chief Flight Instructor at Tuskegee Institute, Ala. This institute was founded by the late Booker T. Washington, and has an advanced flying school for negro youth. It also is to begin shortly elementary training for the U. S. Army. It has been selected for a base for the 99th Pursuit Squadron, U. S. Air Corps, for negro flying cadets. Col. Robinson has been invited to return to Aberdeen airport, and should he do

so we hope to be able to give our colored friends advanced notice of it, so that they can see him fly while here.

Globe and
Independent

Nashville, Tenn.

COLORED AVIATRIX BATTLES STORMS ON 750-MILE JOURNEY

Miss Brown Ends Trip With 3-Point Landing In Harlem

CHICAGO, June 19 — Piloting her new Piper Cub 55 which she had just purchased from the Piper Aircraft company in Lock Haven, Pa., Willia B. Brown, Chicago aviatrix, battled her way through six thunderstorms to a three-point landing on Harlem airport Sunday. Due to the particularly bad weather Saturday and Sunday, friends and students did not expect her to try to get through, but waited patiently at the airport listening to the weather broadcasts.

Cornelius R. Coffey, president of Coffey School of Aeronautics, who accompanied her on this trip and who did all the navigating, with the aid of a small radio built especially for light planes, said that they were constantly altering their course to avoid the worst of the weather which finally forced them down on a farm in Fort Worth, Indiana, Saturday night. They left Fort Worth at sunrise and arrived at Harlem airport at 10 Sunday morning, where Miss Brown was met by an enthusiastic group with candid cameras and was presented a bouquet of roses.

An amusing incident occurred later Sunday, May cause a chuckle in the hanger—after the 750-mile flight across mountains and through storms, Willa insisted on giving a friend a 45-minute ride over the Chicago airport area.

African-American
Baltimore, Maryland

National Airmen Elect Officers

CHICAGO. — (ANP) — Dr. A. Porter Davis of Kansas City, was elected president of the National Airmen's Association which held a conference here last week.

Although the attendance was not large officers were elected from members scattered according to geographical distribution.

Miss Willia Brown was named secretary; Pickens Black, Arkansas; William Powell, California; Jason Perkins, Colorado; John Green, District of Columbia; Benny O'Berry, Florida; Gus Coleman, Georgia; Theodore Cable, Indiana; Clinton Walker, Michigan; John Reed, Missouri; Jesse Brooks, New York; Albert Forsythe, New Jersey; Herman Plummer, Kansas, and Alex Anderson, Alabama, were named vice-presidents;

J. W. Grider, West Virginia; Ernest Gayden, Kansas City; and John Pinkett, Washington, assistant secretaries; Alice C. Charlton, Chicago, treasurer; Marie Redmond, Chicago, business manager; Robert Wooten, Chicago, historian, and Enoch P. Waters, Jr., advisor.

Coffey Gets Trophy

The Dwight Green Trophy awarded annually to the pilot adjudged to have made the greatest contribution to aviation during the year was given to Cornelius R. Coffey, former president of the organization.

Ten-Week Summer Course In Flying At Hampton Only \$45

SEP 14 1941
HAMPTON, Va. — Negro college students will be given an opportunity this summer to take a 10-week course in flying, which would ordinarily cost \$500, for only \$45.00 at Hampton Institute, W. E. Carter, coordinator of the Civil Pilot Training Program at Hampton, has announced.

The summer program will begin on June 16, Mr. Carter says, and is designed to give an opportunity to those Negro college students who are interested in flying but do not have the facilities at their own schools, to take an intensive short course leading to a private pilot's license. The \$45.00 fee, he announced, covers registration and medical examination, tuition, class fees, daily transportation to the airport, and insurance. The Institute will furnish board and room at regular low student rates, and a \$7.00 uniform is optional.

Any college student who has completed his freshman year is eligible to take the course, but the number of applicants will be strictly limited. Further information can be received by writing W. E. Carter, Hampton Institute.

REQUIREMENTS LISTED

The details of the course are: Applicants must be citizens of the United States, must have reached their nineteenth but not have passed their twenty sixth birthday by June 16, must have written consent from their parents if under 21, must meet certain physical requirements, and must have completed the freshmen collegiate year during 1940-41 or two years of college previous to that time.

Medical examination may be taken after arrival at Hampton Institute, but a thorough preliminary physical examination by the applicant's local physician is advised.

College credit of six semester hours will be granted for the successful completion of the Ground School and Flight Courses, in addition to the issuance of a Private Pilot's Certificate from the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

WOMEN ADMITTED

A limited number of women students will be admitted to the course, providing they meet all the requirements. Height must be not less than 63 inches and

weight not less than 100 pounds.

The total cost of the course, including registration fee of \$6.00, tuition, physical examination, insurance, and transportation to and from airport, is \$45.00. In case a student enrolls in the course, but fails to pass the CAA medical examination, all payments made, with the exception of the \$6.00 registration fee, will be refunded.

SEP 14 1941
Board and room may be secured on the Hampton Institute Campus at the regular student rate of \$23.00 per month.

A simple uniform, costing approximately \$7.00, is recommended, but is optional with the student.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Astounding Progress In Aviation

Army And CAA
Courses Prove
Youth Air-Minded
SEP 1 - 1941

WASHINGTON (ANP)— Negro trainees in the civilian aeronautics courses are making good in further studies in aviation and also making excellent progress in aviation according to the director of the information and statistics service, Roscoe Wright.

At Tuskegee Institute, the only colored college where Negro students are taking advanced work, many students from other colleges have been registered.

However, of pilots in the 99th Pursuit squadron who are training at Tuskegee, there are only two in the present reception class which began July 19, who had the initial work in CAA courses at Negro colleges. They are George Spencer

Roberts who is from West Virginia State State college, and Frederick Henry Moore, who took the private pilot's course at Tuskegee.

MANY GRADS APPLY

However, 90 percent of the graduates of CAA courses at Tuskegee have made application to the army corps for training. It is learned that the army is planning to place in basic training at the 99th training school a number of CAA secondary graduates who have been turned out at Tuskegee. These students will skip the normal army primary training which precedes basic and advanced training.

SEP 1 - 1941
"But a student can begin to enter aviation actively as a vocation, it is reported by an officer in charge of instruction, "he must have a commercial license. Once obtaining such a license, he may then go up for primary instructor rating and secondary instructor rating. Prior to the present summer session CAA did not have sufficient courses to carry a student to the commercial license at the Government's expense. We are pleased to record, however, that three of our students, by buying some time of their own, have obtained the commercial license. Two of these students were successful in obtaining primary instructor ratings to teach in the CAA private

SEVEN HAMPTONIANS WIN AIR LICENSES

SEP 26 1941
HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — July 24 — Hampton Institute has sent another group of young Negro flyers aloft this week, fully equipped to take their place among the skilled flyers of the nation.

Seven Hampton Institute students were awarded pilot's licenses after completing the last Civilian Pilot Training course at the Tidewater Virginia school and four graduates of the course have been transferred to the advanced flying program at Tuskegee. They are W. Robert Alston of Huntington, West Virginia; Gilbert F. Joseph of the Virgin Islands; Edward J. Reese, Jr., of Rahway, New Jersey; and Andrew Maples, Jr., of Orange, Virginia.

One Hampton co-ed, Mildred I. Curtis of Washington, D. C., was in the group of seven who received their certificates. The others are George E. Bell of Altoona, Pennsylvania; Vernon Haywood of Raleigh, North Carolina; Henry A. Holmes of Peterburgh, Virginia; John L. Jones of Red Bank, New Jersey and Hollis Terrell of Jones

pilot's course. These young men are at present employed at Tuskegee. At least two more should make similar accomplishments by the beginning of the fall session."

CAA PILOTS AT CHANUTE

Two former CAA pilots are in the group which is being trained at Chanute field, it is reported. They are Elmer D. Jones, who has flying cadet status and is being trained as an engineering officer for the 99th, and Elcan R. Ward who is listed among the enlisted group pursuing technical instruction.

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The enlisted personnel going through technical training at Chanute field is made up of young men taken from the country at large. Tuskegee and Morris Brown college furnished the initial assignment to the extent of some 50 or 60 of the enlisted personnel.

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Airman's Association Elects Dr. A. P. Davis National President **SEP 13 1941**

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Virginia State CAA Pilots Make 200 Mile Solo Trip

JAN 18 1941

PETERSBURG, Va.—Members of the Civilian Pilot Training course, under the CAA, at Virginia State College are in the last stage of the preliminary course and on Monday started their solo cross-country flights which puts to a severe test all the flying knowledge and navigation that they have learned the three months of instruction.

Instruction in the course has been divided into two sections, flight and ground divisions. The flight division has been under the instruction of Frank Martin of the Hopewell Flying Service.

More recently, due to the amount of work in handling the last stages of the course, another instructor, William Watson, Donald P. Murrell, University of Richmond, taught the ground course consisting of meteorology and navigation, and government flying regulations.

PREPARED CHART

The cross-country solo which each of the students taking the course had to complete consisted of a triangular route from the Hopewell flying field to Richmond central airport to Norfolk Municipal and back again to Hopewell. Before leaving each airport, it was necessary for the flying student to prepare a flight chart on the basis of wind speed and direction. Once the angle from which the student must fly has been determined, he hopped off with only his compass and map to navigate by.

Students who have successfully completed the course and will be ready for tests by the government inspector early this week are: Mack W. Campbell, Cambria, Va.; Bruce E. Fleming, Richmond, Va.; William T. Jeter, Rort Royal, Va.; Thomas D. Marbury, Grindstone, Pa.; William Dorsey, Baltimore, Md.; James W. Redden, instructor in German at the college, and William R. Simms, Director of Publicity at the College.

The officials of the college are the Hopewell airport express satisfaction with the scheduled completion of the course which was set for January 15. With

the starting of the new semester, A. C. Phillips, co-ordinator of Civilian Pilot Training at Virginia State College, announces the opening of registration for the course will be given at that time.

Kansas City, Call
Kansas City, Mo.

To Cut College Aviation Program

WASHINGTON, (ANP).—Because army and navy officials are unimpressed with the progress made by the Civil Aeronautics Board training courses for college students, funds for this particular phase of aviation are cut exactly in half in the budget for 1942.

The present crop of some 46,000 students will be reduced to 30,000 next year, it is said, and affecting the primary classes as it does, it indicates a reduction in the number of colored trainees who will be given lessons under the program.

Besides, it is stated, the entire program is going military and from now on its work will be fitted into the needs of the army and navy.

Military men say it is all well and good to teach youngsters to fly, but in these times of stress, it is more essential to have combat pilots than just plain pilots and the training a combat man receives is altogether different from that given a commercial pilot.

Tuskegee News
Tuskegee, Alabama

Tuskegee Will Be Site For

Pursuit Squadron

JAN 23 1941

A message from United States Senator Lister Hill informs us that Tuskegee has been selected as the site for the location of a Negro Pursuit Squadron which

will be composed of 27 planes.

The personnel for the new squadron will be negro pilots taken from C. A. A. students and the ground crew will be made up of four hundred enlisted men to be trained at Chanutefield.

This addition to our city will men a great deal in stimulating business and will place us in line with other progressive cities in attaining a defense project.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Students Good Pilot Material, Aviator Says

JAN 11 1941

One At Lincoln Carries On In Spite Of Scare

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The hope that Negro aviators will be accepted into the Army Air Corps was expressed recently by Charles Malcolm Ashe, instructor of government-sponsored aviation course at Lincoln University here, when interviewed.

"I consider my students good pilot material," Mr. Ashe said. "Six of them are ready for tests for a private pilot's license and the other four will come through. One fellow had a scary experience when a control locked during a maneuver and the plane dropped to about 800 feet before he regained full control. I explained what had gone wrong and the student is again making fine progress."

Attempts are being made to assure that the elementary course will be followed by an advanced

course, Mr. Ashe said. If the army, which has a jim crow policy, refuses to enlist Negro pilots, the L. U. flyers hope to become flying instructors.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Negro Aviation Unit To Train At Tuskegee

JAN 17 1941
33 Pilots, 27 Planes Will
Be Included in
Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(P)—Formation of a Negro pursuit squadron, the first such unit in Army history, was announced today by Undersecretary Patterson of the War Department.

The unit, made up of a ground crew of about 400, 33 pilots and 27 planes, is to be organized and trained at Tuskegee, Ala., where Mr. Patterson said a flying field and other new facilities would be provided.

The formation of the squadron was said by the undersecretary to be part of the Army's policy to have Negro units in all branches of the service.

The enlisted men for the squadron will be concentrated at Chanute Field, Ill., for training of several months before being sent to Tuskegee.

At the same time fledgling pilots will be selected from students in the civil aviation training program who have completed the secondary course fitting them for the Army Air Corps basic training course.

Patterson said the War Department hoped to start the training next month. He said the air corps experience had indicated a year or 18 months would be required before the unit could function as an operating squadron.

Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

Negro Air Unit To Be Trained At Savannah

JAN 18 1941
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The Third Aviation Squadron, composed of approximately 250 negro selective service recruits, will be stationed at the Army Air Corps Savannah, Ga., field, officials said today.

Because recruits under the selective service program are scheduled for only one year's training, the Air Corps said, the members of this squadron probably would be trained only in ground duties, such as repair and maintenance of the post and the airplanes, and would receive no flying instruction.

Organization of the first negro squadron in the Air Corps, a pursuit squadron to be stationed eventually at Tuskegee, Ala., was announced yesterday by the War Department. Both pilots and ground crews of this squadron will be negroes.

Chicago Defender Chicago, Illinois Find Fewer

CAA Pilots In Year 1941

WASHINGTON, (ANP)—Because the army is demanding that CAA specialize in instructors in aviation instead of teaching elementary flying, the number of pilots expected to be trained in the United States this year has been materially reduced. Last year, 40,000 were receiving instructions against 20,000 flyers this year.

This naturally, it is reported, leads to reduction in total number of Negro pilots receiving training at Negro colleges where aviation is featured.

NOV 1 1941
According to the program, it was customary to train men with no flying experience at all and when they had qualified as private pilots, select a number from this group to train as commercial pilots. From the best of commercial pilots, another higher group were selected to be trained as instructors.

Hampton Air Students Seek Scholarships

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Two Apply For
Aid From Air
Youth of America

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These scholarships are the first of a long range educational program by which Air Youth hopes to make the best in aviation training available to qualified youth who would not otherwise be able to advance their aeronautical education.

THREE SCHOOLS

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Lee, prior to going to Tuskegee for advanced training, was a captain in the Hampton Institute regimental band and an outstanding bass singer in the Junior Quartet. Draper was also outstanding in the regiment and had been appointed first lieutenant.

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Both men were sent to Tuskegee in the summer of 1940 for a three-months training course in heavy airplanes. After completing that course, they began work on the

teacher-training course, and on February 1st will return to Hampton Institute campus to teach aeronautics to their fellow students.

Students Seeking Aviation Grants

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Plans for a seaplane base at City Point, the first which would be established in Virginia other than Army or Navy bases, were discussed at a meeting here yesterday between Captain Allan C. Perkinson, director of the Division of Aeronautics of the State Corporation Commission, and the Rev. W. B. Lee Milton and the Rev. Marshall M. Milton, who operate the Hopewell Airport.

The Hopewell men plan to obtain National Youth Administration aid in building a ramp, buoys, and other facilities to the field, which would be adjacent to the present airport. The Hopewell port is participating in the civilian pilot training program through the training of 10 students from the State College for Negroes at Ettrick.

An air show will be held at the field April 20 with Woody Edmondson of Lynchburg performing aerial acrobatics; Ruth Allen of Baltimore doing delayed parachute jumps; and Floyd Clark of Central Airport here demonstrating "how not to fly an airplane." Earl Stanhauer of Washington will be announcer.

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Astounding Progress Being Made In Aviation; Army And C. A. A. Courses

90 Per Cent of CAA Graduates Have Made
Application For Army Training

Proves Negro Youth Air Minded

WASHINGTON.—(ANP)—Negro trainees in the civilian aeronautics courses are making good in further studies in aviation and also making excellent progress in aviation according to the director of the information and statistics service, Roscoe Wright.

At Tuskegee institute, the only colored college where Negro students are taking advanced work, many students from other colleges have been registered.

However, of pilots in the 99th Pursuit squadron who are training at Tuskegee, there are only two in the present reception class which began July 19, who had the initial work in C. A. A. courses at Negro colleges. They are George Spencer Roberts, who is from West Virginia State college, and Frederick Henry Moore, who took the private pilot's course at Tuskegee.

However, 90 per cent of the graduates of C. A. A. courses at Tuskegee have made application to the army air corps for training. It is learned that the army is planning to place in basic training at the 99th training school a number of C. A. A. secondary graduates who have been turned out at Tuskegee. These students will skip the normal army primary training which precedes basic and advanced training.

"Before a student can begin to enter aviation actively as a vocation," it is reported by an officer in charge of instruction, "he must have a commercial license. Once obtaining such a license, he may then go up for primary instructor rating and secondary instructor rating. Prior to the present summer session C. A. A. did not have sufficient courses to carry a student to the commercial license at the Government's expense. We are pleased to record, however, that three of our students, by buying some time of their own, have obtained the commercial license. Two of these students were successful

in obtaining primary instructor ratings to teach in the C. A. A. private pilot's course. These young men are at present employed at Tuskegee. At least two more should make similar accomplishments by the beginning of the fall session."

Two former C. A. A. pilots are in the group which is being trained at Chanute field, it is reported. They are Elmer D. Jones, who has flying cadet status and is being trained as an engineering officer for the 99th, and Elcan R. Ward who is listed among the enlisted group pursuing technical instruction.

The enlisted personnel going through technical training at Chanute field is made up of young men taken from the country at large. Tuskegee and Morris Brown college furnished the initial assignment to the extent of some 50 or 60 of the enlisted personnel.

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NEW AIR GROUP VOTES POST TO WILLA BROWN

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Southern Colleges To
Feed Students To
Chicago School

Willa B. Brown, nation's highest ranking aviatrix, was elected vice president of the newly-formed Aeronautical Association of Negro schools, and the Coffey School of Aeronautics of Chicago, of which she is director, was selected as one of the two advanced training centers to be used by students completing primary work at Negro colleges at Hampton Institute Saturday.



Willa Brown

Negro colleges and private flying schools throughout the country. The conference was called by Dr. Malcolm S. McLean, president of Hampton Institute.

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Tuskegeean Heads Group

Other officers of the new organization are G. L. Washington, Tuskegee institute, president; John L. Frank, Hampton Institute, secretary, and G. Robert Cotton, Lincoln university, treasurer. The organization voted to hold its next meeting at West Virginia State college.

The prospect of an annual air show by Negro CPT students was brightened by a decision of the conference to establish branches of the National Airmen's association at each of the colleges participating in

the CPT program.

The association, of which Miss Brown is one of the founders, is the only recognized national organization of Negro flyers in the nation.

Its air conference held during August of each year will probably take on added significance as a result of the action taken at Hampton.

Gives Flight Demonstration

One of the highlights of the conference was a demonstration of flying given by Miss Brown at Newport News Airport. In a Piper Cub placed at her disposal, she took aloft many of the delegates and several students. She was also one of the participants in a panel discussion on the Negro in aviation which was aired over station WGH, and addressed several groups of students.

Enroute to Chicago she visited West Virginia State college and Charleston, where officials of the State Board of Education invited her to tour the state next spring in the interest of aviation.

Subjects discussed at the conference included giving college credits for CPT courses; difficulty in filling quotas; how to subsidize deserving students during advanced training; the need for large quotas at advanced centers; how to secure obsolete army equipment; the introduction of new courses, and how CPT graduates can keep their flying certificates active.

Eight Colleges Represented

Representatives of eight colleges and two private flying schools attending the conference were R. B. Jefferson, Delaware State college; Addison E. Richmond, Howard university; F. J. Lacy, Joseph Grider and J. C. Evans, West Virginia State college; Dr. I. Phillips and A. L. Turner, Virginia State college; Dean J. M. Marteen and Robert Terry, A. and T. college; G. Robert Cotton, of Lincoln university, Mo.; G. L. Washington, Tuskegee Institute; Willa B. Brown, Coffey School of Aeronautics; John R. Pinkett Jr. and John R. Pinkett Sr., Cloud club, Washington, D. C.; George L. Davis, R. O'Hara Lanier, Charles W. Barclay and Robert Ogden Purves, Hampton Institute, and Frank G. Andrews, superintendent, region 1, CPT.

On her return to Chicago, Miss Brown represented the new organization at the meeting of Land-Grant college presidents at the Wabash Y.M.C.A.

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EDUCATORS AND U. S. CHIEFS IN TWO-DAY MEET

8 Colleges Represented In
Move To Best Serve
National Defense

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — Educators from the eight Negro colleges that offer Civilian Pilot Training program, Negro airport operators and government representatives met for the first time at Hampton Institute on November 8 and 9 to lay out a broad program of Negro participation in American aviation.

The representatives elected G. L. Washington of Tuskegee institute, president of the newly formed Aeronautical Association of Negro Schools and began making plans for a national Negro college air meet in Washington this winter.

Agreeing that the present two advanced pilot training centers at Tuskegee institute and the Coffey School of Aeronautics in Chicago, were sufficient for present needs, the coordinators and flight instructors began work on a national campaign for scholarships for Negroes in aviation.

They also drew up a program of publicity to encourage Negroes to enter aviation in the present primary training centers at Hampton Institute, Howard university, West Virginia State college, Virginia State college, Delaware State college, North Carolina A. and T. college, Lincoln university in Missouri and Tuskegee institute.

In his written greetings to the association, President Malcolm S. McLean said, "There can be no question that flying in all its phases, private, commercial and military, will see an enormous development over the next 10 or 20 years.

"The United States is not going to let the new plants for building

planes fall into disuse and rust out after the defense effort is over. Commercial airlines and private flying will be expanded enormously as will employment opportunities in these fields.

"It is obvious that if we are to get a break in this employment market in all phases of ground maintenance and repair, in all phases of manufacture, and in flying itself, for our Negroes, we must use fully the opportunity opened up by the expansion of the defense program."

Miss Willa B. Brown of the Coffey School of Aeronautics was elected vice president of the association. John L. Frank, coordinator of the CPT program at Hampton institute, was elected secretary and G. Robert Cotton of Lincoln university was elected treasurer. John R. Pinkett Jr., of Washington's Cloud club, will be in charge of the national air meet to be held in Washington.

The association went on record as urging schools everywhere to set up courses in aircraft mechanics and voted to establish chapters of the National Airmen's association on college campuses.

Conference members were taken on a tour of Langley Field and participated in a radio panel discussion with Dean R. O'Hara Lanier.